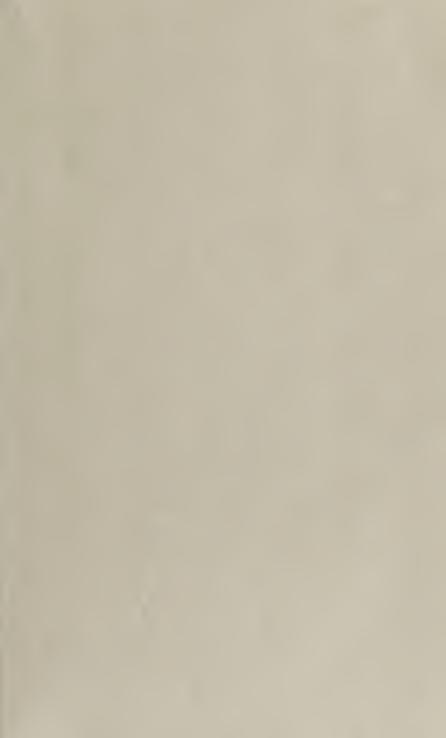
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MEDICAL STATISTICS;

OR A

COMPARATIVE VIEW OF THE MORTALITY

IN

NEW-YORK, PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE, AND BOSTON,

FOR A SERIES OF YEARS:

INCLUDING

COMPARISONS OF THE MORTALITY OF WHITES AND BLACKS IN THE TWO FORMER CITIES; AND OF WHITES, FREE BLACKS, AND SLAVES, IN BALTIMORE.

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REMARKS.

THE matter contained in the following Tables has been taken from authentic bills of mortality; and so far as comparisons have been instituted, diseases of the same general character have been included under the same head for each of the cities.

The most recent censuses which have been taken in each of the several cities have served as a basis for estimating the population, on the supposition that the increase has been regularly progressive from one of those periods to the other.

In New-York, (being under the official superintendence of a medical gentleman,) the returns on which we found our present calculations, are made with greater regularity than in the neighbouring cities. This will account for the apparent deficiencies in the Tables relating to Baltimore and Boston.

Would not the ends of justice, as well as the cause of science, be promoted by the appointment of a medical officer in every city, whose duty it should be to examine the circumstances attending the death of every individual, and to make a return of the age, sex, profession, disease and its duration, as well as the time and place of death; regard being always paid to the circumstances of colour, and of freedom or slavery?

A uniform method might be adopted for reporting these facts in a tabular form, so as greatly to facilitate future investigations and comparisons. In this way the chances of life in one city could be readily compared with those in another—the comparative advantages of town and country residence, under similar latitudes, determined. The influence of various causes of death, which are now unseen and unknown, could thus be measured and comprehended. But these investigations should be accompanied by topographical descriptions and meteorological observations.

The study of diseases under their general classifications, in relation to topography and the influence of climate, as heat and cold, drought and dampness, sunshine and shade, exposure to winds, &c. is of great interest; and these investigations become more important as our inquiries extend to the influence of occupations, poverty and wealth, political superiority or subordination, prevailing vices, &c. upon the longevity of man, and his reproductive capacites, intellectual and physical perfection, under the more or less varying effects of these several causes. A sufficient number of observations, embracing all these conditions, would afford a sure basis for a comparative estimate of the value or length of life, under the dominant influence of each.

The combining and comparing the great facts in the natural and civil history of every individual, offers, in this country at least, a wide and unoccupied field for interesting research.

A record of all births, and the ages of the father and mother at the time of the birth of each of their children, would furnish the means for ascer taining the duration of successive generations, and of instituting inquiries as to the influence of climate, the greater or less degree of refinement in society, &c. upon the development of the human body into a state of perfect manhood.

To pursue our remarks, we will venture to call the public attention to the importance of having annual returns made of the amount of political crimes in each State; so that they may be classified, and compared with crimes of a similar character in other States of the Union, in proportion to their population, and also with those of other countries. By these means the influence of climate, laws, manners, systems of religion, occupations, slavery, &c. would be rendered comprehensible, and enable us to appreciate the perfection of our own country and its institutions, in comparison with others.

Let similar investigations be instituted in relation to all the evidences of public prosperity and distress, and the whole elements of society will be disclosed to our contemplation, and lead us directly to a knowledge of the defects and their causes, which exist in our system of social and legal order. In this extended sense, statistics furnish the true lights to the philosopher and legislator.

Summary of Deaths per year, in the City of New-York, for a series of eleven years, by the following Diseases.

Vears.	Population.	Whole No. of Deaths.	Consumption.	Acute Diseases of the Control Lungs.	Whole No. of Deaths	Fevers.	Dropsies.	2 Dysentery.	Cholera Infantum, (for nine years.)	Croup.	Tabes Mescnterica.	Gastro Enteritis.	Whooping Cough.	C. Apoplexy.	Measles.	Untemperance.	Diseases of the Liver.	Palsy.	Snallpox.	Suicide.
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In this Table, under the head Acute Diseases of the Lungs, we have included Pleurisy; for although in its commencement it may be a distinct disease, it rarely, if ever occasions death, without affecting the body of the lungs.

Every description of Fever as returned, except Scarlet and Hectic, are included under the general head of Fevers. The Typhoid character of Puerperal Fever appears so evident from its general prevalence at the same epochs with Typhus, that we have taken the liberty to include it also under the same head.

Under Dropsies, all forms of that disease are included.

TABLE II.

Summary of Deaths per Month in the City of New-York, for a series of eleven years, by the following Diseases, viz:

DISEASES.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.
Consumption	660	659	644	664	616	510	591	663	579	583	645	650	7466
Acute Diseases of Lungs.	200	292	254	230	210	114	117	105	92	141	152	172	2069
Fevers	178	137	158	186	211	245	262	374	497	441	305	211	3205
Dropsies	244	257	241	245	259	242	272	308	269	259	210	245	3044
Dysentery				7	16	28	233	489	378	203	79	36	1544
Cholera Infantum(10y'rs)					5	32	246	527	288	108	14	18	1245
Croup	137	106	122	106	91	66	69	67	84	140	139	122	1239
Tabes Mesenterica	68	66	85	95	79	69	80	126	139	135	89	84	1115
Gastro Enteritis	48	54	56	60	60	76	121	97	94	69	67	59	861
Whooping Cough	53	66	42	33	37	31	73	105	105	71	56	49	721
Apoplexy	49	59	56	47	57	45	109	59	45	59	55	57	697
Measles	48	42	46	45	32	44	65	77	45	39	24	45	552
Intemperance	49	32	33	31	49	47	46	43	44	47	63	47	531
Diseases of the Liver	48	46	34	35	34	39	57	4.1	36	64	41		523
Palsy	42	42	44	31	28	28	31	38	25	41	34	44	428

This Table presents an interesting view of the influence of season upon different diseases. Consumptions, Dropsies, Diseases of the Liver, and Palsy, being chronic forms of disease, are not, in their termination, particularly under the influence of season: On the contrary, its effect is strikingly manifested in all acute forms of disease.

Table showing the proportion of Deaths in New-York, by the following Diseases, to the whole number of Deaths, and the proportion of Deaths (stillborn excluded) to the Population.

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	117560			5 26	17 74	4.05	3.95	12.88	22.02	45 67	00.0-			75 20
				5.21		4 98	10 51	13.48	13 73	22.62	38 56	44.89	85 94	
1319								11.50			31 98	61.59	118.78	81.12
1820	123606	3326	37 10		22.62				10.71	13 00			52 62	91.02
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	139100							11 07	32 86	01 47	21 57	55.53	74 90	103.90
1823	147580	3221	45.81	4 71	17.79	3.73		11.07	32 00	21.47	01.00	78.67	50 44	102.27
1824	156530	1091	38.26	5 55	19.43	4 32	22 86	10.85	34.09	40.10				
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1826	176190	4671	137 71	5.69	110.10	4.20	10 94	10.04	124.20	21.04	20.01			
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The Census of 1810, 1820, and 1825, have served us as a basis for estimating the population of the intermediate years, on the supposition that the increase has been regularly progressive from one of those epochs to the other.

TABLE IV.

This Table shows the proportion of Deaths, among the Blacks, to their Population, in the City of New-York, for the following years.

Venra.	3lack Population.	Whole Number of Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths mong the Blacks, to Population is as I in	i
1821	10730	550	19.50	(
1822		*		
1823	11600	432	26.85	
1824	12070	718	16.81	
1825	12559	875	14.35	
1826	13060	743	17.53	

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It is worthy of remark, that the rate of increase among the Blacks of the city of New-York, is about 2 per cent. per annum less than that of the Whites, for the last eight years. It is to be regretted that the Diseases which have swept off the Blacks in such disproportionate numbers, have not been reported.

TABLE V.

Summary of Deaths in the City of Philadelphia, for a series of seven years, by the following Diseases, viz.

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Years.	Population.	Whole Number of Deaths.	Consumption.		Whole Number of Deaths by Diseases of the Lungs.	Fevers.	Dropsies.	Measles.	Intemperance.	Diseases of Liver.	Whooping Cough.	Palsy.	Smallpox.	Suicide.	
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^{*} The Deaths were not returned for the year 1822.

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Table showing the proportion of Deaths in Philadelphia by the following Diseases, to the whole number of Deaths—and the proportion of Deaths (stillborn excluded) to the Population.

Population. Years.	Deaths to Population (stillborn exc., as one in Whole Number of Deaths (stillborn exclured.)	By Consumption, as one in	By Fevers, as one in	By Dropsies, as one in	By Intemperance, as one in
1820 114410	3189 35.87	7.155.44	6.07	15.25	151 85
1821 116810	2961 39.45	6.76 5.17	7.36	15.26	65.80
1822 119260	3334 35 77	6.43 5.44	6.69	13.72	50.51
1823 121760		8 15 6 . 45	5 87	18.14	67 26
1824 124320					
1825 12693					
1826 129600	3845 33.70	6 55 4.75	9 13	15.38	75.39

In this Table the rate of increase, as determined by the census of 1810 and of 1820, have served as a basis for making out the population for the subsequent years, there having been no census taken in 1825.

TABLE VII.

Proportion of Deaths among the Blacks, in Philadelphia, to their Population.

Years.	Population.	Whole Number of Deaths.	Proportion of Deaths to Population as one in
1820	10994		
	11220	686	16.35
	11460		
1823	11700	800	14.62
	11940		
	12190		
1826	12450	529	23.53

TABLE VIII.

Summary of Deaths per year in the City of Baltimore, for a series of eight years, by the following Diseases, viz.

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	1826	74990	1922	306	48	354	164	84	3	21	45	29	14	4	*	

Table showing the proportion of Deaths in Baltimore, by the following Diseases, to the whole number of Deaths—and the proportion of Deaths (stillborn excluded) to Population.

Years.	Population.	Whole Number of Deaths (still-born excluded.)	Deaths to Population (stillborn excluded.)	By Consumption, as one in	By Diseases of Lungs, as one in	By Fevers, as one in	By Dropsies, as one in	By Intemperance as one in
1819	60900	2182	27.91	3 45	6 6.	4.18	32.68	47.43
1820	62738	1527	41.08	4.65	4.12	9 66	26.32	52.65
1821	61630	1910	33 83	5 68	5 17	4.83	27.28	40 63
1822	66590	2198	30.29	7.42	6.42	5.12	24.97	46.76
1823	68600	2000	34.30	3.47	6 62	6.60	26 66	80.00
1824	70670	1366	51 74 7	7.26	5 81	7.38	29.06	54 64
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1826	74990,	1825	41.09 3	.96	5.15	11.12	21.72	86.90

TABLE X.

This Table shows the proportion of Deaths among the Blacks, (slaves included) and among the Slaves exclusively, in Baltimore, to their Population, for the following years.

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Years.	Population of the Blacks (slaves included.)	Whole Number of Deaths among the Blacks.	Deaths among the Blacks, to their Popu. as one in	Population of the Slaves.	Whole Number of Deaths among the Slaves.	Deaths among the Slaves, to their Popu. as one in
1820	14651	488	30.02			
1821	15090	423	35 67			
1822	15550	582	26 71			
1823	16020	659	21.30	4760	39	66.19
1824	16510		39.68			102.29
1825	7010		43.72		57	88.73
1826 1	17520		33.32		97	53.92
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TABLE XI.

Summary of Deaths in the City of Boston, for a series of seven years, by the following Diseases, viz.

Table showing the proportion of Deaths in Boston, by the following Diseases, to the whole number of Deaths—and the proportion of Deaths, (stillborn excluded) to the Population.

Years.	Population.	Whole Number of Deaths (stillborn excluded.)	Proportion of Deaths to Population, as one in	By Consumption, as one in	By Diseases of Lungs, as one in	By Fevers, as	By Dropsics, as one in	ByIntemperance, as one in
	43940		43.33	4 60	↓.08	13.70	72 42	32.70
1821	46490	1319	35.24	6.10	5.34	17.35	32.97	36.66
1822	49190	1088	45.21	6.55	5.13	19.08	24.72	43.52
1823	52050	1045	49 80	5.67	4.62	21 32	30.73	61 47
1824	55080	1213				14.22		
1825	58281	1362						45.40
1826	61620							27.13

TABLE XIII.

This Table shows the relative proportion of Deaths among the Whites and Blacks, to their Population, in the Cities of New-York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore.

	Years.	Deaths among Slaves in Bal timore, to Population (Whites and free Blacks exc.) as one in	Deaths among Free Blacks in Baltimore, to Pop. (Whites and Slaves exe.) as one in	Deaths among Blacks in Baltimore, to Population (Whites excluded) as one in	Deaths among Hhites in Baltimore, to Population (Blacks excluded) as one in	Deaths among Blacks in Philadelphia, to Pop. (Whites excluded) as one in	Deaths among Whites in Philadelphia, to Pop. (Blacks excluded) as one in	Deaths among Blacks in New-York, to Pop. (Whites excluded) as one in	Deaths among Whites in New-York, to Pop. (Blacks excluded) as one in
	1820				42.29				
	1821			35.67	31.11	16.35	42.47	19 50	40.23
	1822			26 71		20.46			
	1823	66.19		24.30	36.28	14.62	28.96	26.85	45.14
	1824	102 29	31.52				30.40		39.37
	1825	88.73							37.05
	1826							17.53	
Average		77.78	32.08	33.34	39 99	19.42	34.05	19.01	40 17

This Table presents several important facts: 1st. The striking difference in the proportion of Deaths among the Whites and Blacks. 2d. The still more striking difference between the deaths of the Free Blacks and Slaves in the city of Baltimore. 3d. The disproportionate number of deaths among the Blacks in the cities of New-York and Philadelphia, compared with Baltimore. The relative physical incapacity of Negroes to sustain the influence of a severe climate, and the increased effect of poverty to diminish the chances of life in cold climates, are the most active causes in producing this result. It is probable that the disparity of deaths among the Blacks in New-York and Philadelphia to the Whites, is owing to the effects of poverty upon that degraded race. The same results from similar causes, but to a more limited extent, have been observed between the poor and wealthy sections of the city of Paris. The disproportion of deaths between the Free Blacks and Slaves in Baltimore, is worthy of particular notice, and probably arises from the care bestowed on the slaves by their masters, their comparative temperance, and the more regular course of their lives, contrasted with the idleness, intemperance, and improvidence of the free blacks.

This comparative view of the Whites and Blacks evinces clearly that so far as regards the personal condition of the slaves, their situation is by no means so deplorable as has been generally imagined. It is desirable that comparative researches should be continued and extended; and we regret that circumstances require our putting these Tables to press without being able (as we had contemplated) to submit the result of investigations in the large Southern and Western slave-holding Cities.

TABLE XIV.

Proportion of Deaths (stillborn included) to the entire Population, in New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Boston.

Years.	to Population, are as	Deaths in Philadel- phia, to Population, are as one in	Deaths in Baltimore to Population, are as one in	Deaths in Boston, to Population, are as one in
1816	40.82			
1817	45.37			
1818	36.00			
	37.95		26.62	
1820	35 16		38.60	39.83
			32.07	
1822			28.71	
1823	42.85	26.46	32.54	15.10
1824	36.05	28.26	48.144	2.30
1825			17.124	
1826	35 42	31.22	39.01/4	9.13
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TABLE XV.

This Table shows the average proportion of Deaths in every 1000 Inhabitants, per annum, for a series of years.

	By Consumption, in every 1000	By all Diseases of the Lungs, in eve- ry 1000	By Fevers, in every 1000	By Dropsies, in every 1000	By Dysentery, in every 1000	
In New-York In Philadelphia In Baltimore In Boston	4.96 4.20 4.12 4.03	6.34 5.47 5.86 4.99	2.12 4.21 4.22 1.25	2.02 1.89 1.02 0.902	1.02	

TABLE XVI.

A Comparative View of Mortality in New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Boston by the following Diseases.

In New-York	By Con-umption, 3	ByDiseases of the Lungs, as one in 8	By Fevers, as one 73	By Dropsies, as one in	By Intemperance as one in	By Palsy, as one	N.	Longitude. W.
In Baltimore In Boston In Philadelphia Average	6.46 5.52	5.47 4.47 5.46	6.31 17.46 7.09		39.46 61.06	136.42 93 27 97 04	42 22 23 39 57 0	76 36 0
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TABLE XVII.

Average proportion of Deaths to Population in the following Cities.

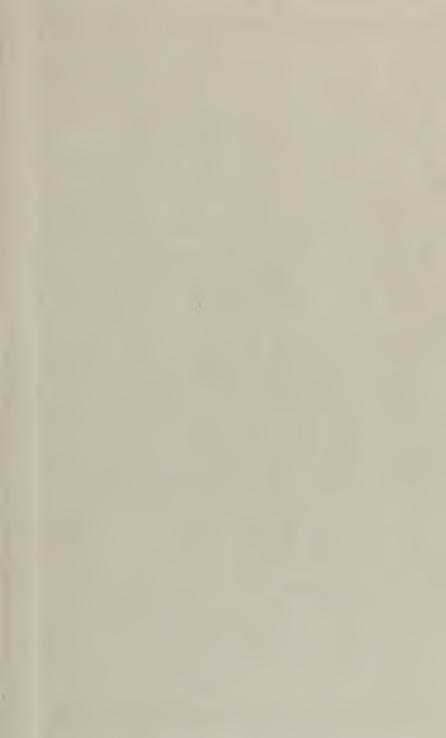
	Stillborn included, as one in	Stillbnrn excluded, as one in
Boston	41.26	44.66
New-York	37.83	40.02
Baltimore	35.44	37.47
Philadelphia	31.48	33.41
General Average	36.50	38.89

TABLE XVIII.

Summary of Deaths in the following Cities for a series of seven years, ending the first of January, 1827.

-	Under one year of age (stillborn exc.)	Between 1 and 2.	Between 2 and 5.	Between 5 and 10.	Between 10 and 20.	Between 20 and 30.	Between 30 and 40.	Between 40 and 50.	Between 50 and 60.	Between 60 and 70.	Between 70 and 80.	Between 80 and 90.	Between 90 and 100.	Between 100 and 110	Between 110 and 120
New-York		2568							1847					19	
Philadelphia	5438	2180	1907	1020						1335			157		4
Baltimore	2464	967	938	553		1350				559		241	1	20	
Boston	1322		531	282						362					-
Total	14414	6599	5379	2801	3913	8962	9377	7620	5050	3465	2365	1338	3.1.2	65	4





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